

SCDXC Newsletter



The Southern California DX Club is an informal group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

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Gatherings are informal and impromptu. Anyone interested in gathering can initiate one. Notify N6RV and an email will be pushed out to the group. If you would like to join that email list see our website or email N6RV.

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*If you need him get in
there and work him"*



From the Editor

Hello Everyone!

Hopefully we are all doing well and have had a great time in February. The bands have been fantastic and all the local DXers are racking up countries from 160 to 10 meters. Six meters has not come to life much this year.



If you haven't done so already please register for the **2025 IDXC**. Right now (as it was last year until the end of registration rush) the numbers are low. To allay any worries regarding its success we should register early as a vote of confidence. I know we usually wait until the last minute but this is important and will give the IDXC committee a boost to see the spike in registrations. If you are on the fence as I was please consider how much NCDXC helped us last year and their desire to continue the convention. It has always been a great time to get away and, with the club meetings ending, we will see one another again as well.

You can register here at:

DXconvention.com

If you are looking to carpool I have some seats open in my truck.

Informal Club Meetings on Zoom

We will continue to hold meetings every second Thursday of the month. They will be Zoom only meetings! The next meeting is this month, March 13th at 7 PM. We will not have a meeting in April due to the 2025 IDXC. Please use the link below to join the Zoom meeting for March and beyond.

[SCDXC Club Meeting](#)

Email Scam

There have been several email scams levied against SCDXC. First, we will never ask for money or gift cards. Second, (true for all emails) always check the senders email address. If you do not recognize it then throw it in the trash. If you are unsure then go to our website, contact one of the people there. NEVER RESPOND TO EMAILS YOU ARE UNSURE OF AND NEVER CLICK ON THEIR LINKS!

Rumors on the Band

Another bunch of DXers on the road this month! Get on the air!

QTH	Call	Start Date	End Date	Information
Guinea Bissau	J52EC	Now	1-Mar	IZ3BUR 20-10m SSB DIGI
Christmas Isl.	VK9XU	Now	4-Mar	DL2AWG DF4GV DL2AMD DJ9RR CK6SJ HF CW SSB FT8 RTTY
Maldives	8Q7FL	Now	6-Mar	JH3QFL 40-6m FT8
Montserrat	VP2MMN	1-Mar	9-Mar	DF8AN 80-5m CW Digi
Cocos Keeling	VK9CU	4-Mar	11-Mar	DL2AWG DF4GV DL2AMD DJ9RR VK6SJ VK6CQ HF CW SSB FT8 RTTY
Antigua & Barbuda	V26MN	9-Mar	10-Mar	DF8AN 80-5m CW Digi
San Andreas	HK0A	9-Mar	19-Mar	K3ARV 20-10m SSB CW
Sint Maarten	PJ7AA	9-Mar	19-Mar	AA9A 40-6m CW FT8 FT4
Andaman Isl.	VU4AX	10-Mar	25-Mar	ON4AMX ON4HIL ON5UR ON5RA ON5TN ON6CC ON7FT ON7USB ON7RU ON8AZ PA9M PA3EWP HF CW SSB Digi
Micronesia	V6WG	18-Mar	1-Apr	WE9G 80-6m CW SSB FT8 FT4
Rodrigues Isl.	3B9DJ	24-Mar	5-Apr	OK6DJ OK1CRM OK2ZA 160-10m CW SSB FT8
Cyprus SBA	ZC4MK	24-Mar	31-Mar	G0KOM SSB
St. Barthelemy	TO1P	24-Mar	4-Apr	SP9FIH 40 17 10m SSB Digi
Sint Maarten	PJ7EE	26-Mar	5-Apr	KC9EE 12 10 6m

ClubLog Most Wanted						
2024			2023			
#	Pfx	Entity	#	Pfx	Entity	Delta
1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1 =
2	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	2	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	2 =
3	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	3	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	3 =
4	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	4	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10 (↓ 6)
5	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	5	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	4 (↑ 1)
6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	6	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	5 (↑ 1)
7	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	7	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	6 (↑ 1)
8	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	8	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	33 (↓ 25)
9	YV0	AVES ISLAND	9	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	8 (↑ 1)
10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	7 (↑ 3)
11	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	11	YV0	AVES ISLAND	9 (↑ 2)
12	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	12	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	13 (↓ 1)
13	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	13	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	28 (↓ 15)
14	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	14	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	11 (↑ 3)
15	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	15	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	12 (↑ 3)
16	VPO5	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	16	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	21 (↓ 5)
17	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	17	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	14 (↑ 3)
18	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	18	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	29 (↓ 11)
19	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	19	VPO5	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	16 (↑ 3)
20	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	20	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	15 (↑ 5)
21	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	21	YK	SYRIA	22 (↓ 1)
22	YK	SYRIA	22	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	44 (↓ 22)
23	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	23	PY0T	TRINIDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	35 (↓ 12)
24	VPOG	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	24	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	25 (↓ 1)
25	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	25	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	17 (↑ 8)
26	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	26	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	18 (↑ 8)
27	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	27	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	20 (↑ 7)
28	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	28	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	26 (↑ 2)
29	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	29	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	19 (↑ 10)
30	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	30	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	32 (↑ 2)
31	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	31	VPOG	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	24 (↑ 7)
32	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	32	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	23 (↑ 9)
33	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	33	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	27 (↑ 6)
34	TB	COCOS ISLAND	34	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	30 (↑ 4)
35	PY0T	TRINIDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	35	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	31 (↑ 4)
36	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	36	TB	COCOS ISLAND	37 (↑ 2)
37	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	37	3D2/C	CONWAY REEF	54 (↓ 13)
38	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	38	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	59 (↓ 22)
39	FT/SZ	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	39	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	36 (↑ 3)
40	VP90	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	37 (↑ 3)
41	XZ	MYANMAR	41	FO/C	CLIPPERTON ISLAND	54 (↓ 13)
42	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	49 (↑ 7)
43	3C0	ANNONON	43	KH8/S	SWAINS ISLAND	51 (↓ 8)
44	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	44	VP90	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40 (↑ 4)
45	IS	SPRATLY ISLANDS	45	FT/SZ	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	39 (↑ 6)
46	TS	SOMALIA	46	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	38 (↑ 8)
47	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND	47	T33	BANABA ISLAND	50 (↓ 3)
48	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	48	XZ	MYANMAR	41 (↑ 7)
49	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	49	SA	LIBYA	74 (↓ 25)
50	T33	BANABA ISLAND	50	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42 (↑ 8)

[CADXA Most Wanted DXCC](#)

[ClubLog Most Wanted DXCC](#)



DX Standings

Thanks to Fried, WA6WZO, Gregg, N6PM, Howard, W6FL, and Bill N6RV for submitting his DXCC update!

Fried, WA6WZO, returned to the top of the Honor Roll working Kosovo on 10 Meter SSB!

If you are a new member please join ClubLog and then sign up for the Southern California DX Club. If you need help email me. Send any updates to:

N6RV@SCDXC.org

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY

SCDXC Lifetime Standings										WAZ Standings				
Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots	Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots	Rank	Call	11B	5B	Awards
1	W6KH	340	389		47	N6VNI	312	314	1541	1	N0FW	426	200	M/P/C/R/5
2	JA1BK	340	383	3242	48	N6WT	311	311	1584	2	K6ND	415	200	M/5
3	K6YRA	340	378	2278	49	W6HB	311	311	1029	3	WA5VGI	416	200	M/P/C/R/5
4	OH2BH	340	378		50	N6PM	304	305	2121	4	N6WS	415	200	M/P/C/R/5
5	N0FW	340	372	2978	51	N6GP	299	314	1851	5	W6SR	384	200	M/P/C/5
6	K6YUI	340	366	2610	52	K6IRD	292	302	649	6	K6FG	376	200	M/P/C/R/5
7	NS6C	340	361	2633	53	W6ZL	287	291	1074	7	NS6C	369	200	M/P/C/R/5
8	W6SR	340	359	2778	54	WA6HXM	275	275		8	W8DX	357	200	M/5
9	K6FG	340	357	2786	55	WA6WXD	274	274		9	N6AW	355	200	M/P/C/5
10	WA6WZO	340	358	2456	56	K6VC	264	267		10	K6YUI	353	200	M/P/C/R/5
11	K5KT	340	355		57	K0XP	250	249	973	11	W6RW	344	200	M/P/C/5
23	W8DX	340	353	2456	69	N6AA	247	247	2442	12	K6YRA	337	200	P/5
12	N6WS	340	352	2723	58	W6KC	246	248	743	13	W6TK	369	198	
13	W6TK	340	351	1781	59	NE6V	239	239	1037	14	N6HY	365	196	M/P/C
14	N6HC	340	349	2408	60	K6JEY	234	234		15	N6RW	410	199	
15	W6KK	340	349	2066	61	N6HE	229	238	746	16	N6WT	385	195	
16	K6ND	340	348	2861	62	N6VOH	222	251		17	N6RV	384	195	
17	WA5VGI	340	348	2798	63	W6YLZ	219	220		18	K6RO	379	195	M/P/C
18	KJ6Y	340	348	1439	64	N6AV	212	212		19	W6FL	253	195	
19	N6PEQ	340	347	2056	65	KN6ZZI	211	211	765	20	N6PM	377	194	
20	KR6C	340	346	2152	66	K6AFW	204	204	917	21	N6QQ	343	189	
21	N6RV	339	356	2522	67	WB6DJI	200	200	589	22	KR6C	333	189	
22	N6QQ	339	356	2353	68	AA6DW	196	202	402	23	N6PEQ	338	188	
23	W6FL	339	353	1644	69	K6FOD	188	188	479	24	W6DR	348	187	
24	K6RO	339	348	2484	70	K9TAD	178	178	244	25	W6OU	307	186	
25	W6TJI	338	355		71	N6LL	169	169		26	N6GP	313	185	
26	W6IRD	338	354		72	W6GA	169	168		27	K4ST	310	185	
27	W6RW	338	352	2479	73	KC6TOD	166	166		28	W6KK	307	185	
28	N6HY	338	346	2294	74	KK6M	162	192		29	N6DHZ	295	182	
29	N6MG	338	338		75	W6QE	149	149	365	30	AA6PW	298	181	
30	N6RW	337	372	2727	76	K6DW	147	147		31	N6VNI	291	181	
31	W6OU	337	356	1613	77	WD6Y	147	147	274	32	K6SY	299	178	
32	N6IC	336	347		78	WC2S	146	146		33	KJ6Y	237	173	
33	N6AX	336	322	1826	79	AB9A	141	141	224	34	N6HE	253	168	
34	K6JW	335	341	1371	80	NZ6L	137	178	158	35	W6ZL	253	166	M/P/C/R
35	N7NR	335	354	2686	81	N6CA	133	133	386	36	K6JW	244	158	
36	SM5GMZ	335	346	2454	82	K6NGO	130	130		37	NK6A	290	157	
37	N6MXU	335	339	1831	83	KI6BTY	115	115	430	38	KN6ZZI	230	211	
38	K4ST	335	339	2065	84	K6BBC	103	117	216	39	W6KC	217	156	
39	K2IXQ	334	339	1796	85	N6YQ	100	128		40	W6YLZ	151	288	
40	W6SW	331	339	540	86	WA6MEM	100	100		41	K7MY	258	159	
41	K6SY	331	337	1158	87	W6CCC	95	95	211	42	N6MG	241	150	
42	W6DR	331	336	2109	88	W6MPB	61	61		43	NE6V	256	149	
43	N6AX	330	336	1826	89	K6LAC	46	46		44	K6AFW	218	149	
44	AA6PW	330	331	1785	90	K6YIC	43	43	92	45	KK6M	173	140	
45	NK6A	313	316	957	91	NY6Y	28	28		46	K0XP	171	140	
46	N6DHZ	312	318	1535	92	KJ6YL	14	14		47	K6IRD	220	130	
										48	W6SW	154	126	M/P
										49	W6IRD	102	112	
										50	WD6Y	174	109	M
										51	K6VC	145	96	
										52	K6DW	143	118	
										53	WC2S	201	115	
										54	K6NGO	191	110	
										55	K6FOD	160	106	
										56	K9TAD	113	99	
										57	NZ6L	104	82	
										58	N6HC	17	13	
										59	WB6DJI	11	8	



2025 Get Schroeder Contest

1A0	4S	7Q	A3	CE9	E7	FK	GI	HS	KH0	LZ	PJ7	T2	TY	VK9L	VU4	YV0
1S	4U1ITU	7X	A4	CN	EA	FK/C	GJ	HV	KH1	OA	PY	T30	TZ	VK9M	VU7	Z2
3A	4U1UN	8P	A5	CO	EA6	FM	GM	HZ	KH2	OD	PY0F	T31	UA	VK9N	XE	Z3
3B7	4W	8Q	A6	CP	EA8	FO	GU	I	KH3	OE	PY0S	T32	UA0	VK9W	XF4	Z6
3B8	4X	8R	A7	CT	EA9	FO/A	GW	IS0	KH4	OH	PY0T	T33	UA2	VK9X	XT	Z8
3B9	5A	9A	A9	CT3	EI	FO/C	H4	J2	KH5	OH0	PZ	T5	UJ	VP0G	XU	ZA
3C	5B	9G	AP	CU	EK	FO/M	H40	J3	KH6	OJ0	R1F	T7	UN	VP0S	XW	ZB2
3C0	5H	9H	BS7H	CX	EL	FP	HA	J5	KH7K	OK	S0	T8	UR	VP2E	XX9	ZC4
3D2	5N	9J	BU	CY0	EP	FR	HB	J6	KH8	OM	S2	TA	V2	VP2M	XZ	ZD7
3D2/C	5R	9K	BV9P	CY9	ER	FS	HB0	J7	KH8/S	ON	S5	TF	V3	VP2V	YA	ZD8
3D2/R	5T	9L	BY	D2	ES	FT/G	HC	J8	KH9	OX	S7	TG	V4	VP5	YB	ZD9
3DA	5U	9M2	C21	D4	ET	FT/J	HC8	JA	KL7	OY	S9	TI	V5	VP6	YI	ZF
3V	5V7	9M6	C31	D6	EU	FT/T	HH	JD/M	KP1	OZ	SM	TI9	V6	VP6/D	YJ	ZK3
3W	5W	9N	C5	DL	EX	FT5/W	HI	JD/O	KP2	P2	SP	TJ	V7	VP8	YK	ZL
3XA	5X	9Q	C6A	DU	EY	FT5/X	HK	JT	KP4	P4	ST	TK	V8	VP8H	YL	ZL7
3Y/B	5Z	9U	C9	E3	EZ	FT5Z	HK0/M	JW	KP5	P5	SU	TL	VE	VP8O	YN	ZL8
3Y/P	6W	9V	CE	E4	F	FW	HK0S	JX	LA	PA	SV	TN	VK	VP9	YO	ZL9
4J	6Y	9X	CE0X	E5/N	FG	FY	HL	JY	LU	PJ2	SV/A	TR	VK0H	VQ9	YS	ZP
4L	7O	9Y	CE0Y	E5/S	FH	G	HP	K	LX	PJ4	SV5	TT	VK0M	VR	YT	ZS
4O	7P	A2	CE0Z	E6	FJ	GD	HR	KG4	LY	PJ5	SV9	TU	VK9C	VU	YV	ZS8

Chart Legend	
White / Green	Entity Worked This Year by a Member
Black / White	Very Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Blue	Entity with Announced DXpedition
Black / Yellow	Rarely Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Red	Inactive Entity
	Deleted Entity

We have worked 228 entities in 2 months!
That is amazing. The ARRL CW DX Contest increased everybody's standing!

Larry, K6RO, leads the pack but he has yet to crack the top 10 on ClubLog. This year's competition is tough! Members of ClubLog have already worked 254 entities. Just wait until next month after the ARRL DX SSB Contest. The numbers should increase with the SSB only operators throughout the world!

If you want to join in the chase please join ClubLog and then Join the SCDXC DX League.

2025 Get Schroeder Leaders							
2025 Total Entities Worked						254	
2024 Total Entities Worked						289	
2025 Entities Worked by SCDXC						228	
2024 SCDXC Entities Worked						280	
2025 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal						221	
2024 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal						273	
2025 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked						254	
2024 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked						288	
2024 SCDXC Leader (K6RO)						273	
2024 ClubLog Leader (N4RJ)						277	
Rank	Call	Entities	Last Mo.	Last Yr	Leader	-Tot	-QQ
1	K6RO	213	31	-54	0	15	-159
2	N6RW	201	24	-63	-12	27	-147
3	N6RV	195	64	-69	-18	33	-141
4	K6AFW	183	90	-76	-30	45	-129
5	N6WT	178	16	-89	-35	50	-124
6	WA5VGI	177	25	-82	-36	51	-123
7	AA6AA	156	40	-82	-57	72	-145
8	NS6C	149	104	-113	-64	79	-95
9	N0FW	140	139	-133	-73	88	-86
10	N6PM	133	31	-58	-80	95	-79
11	AA6PW	118	114	-74	-95	110	-64
12	N6AV	109	76	-79	-104	119	-55
13	K6ND	107	18	-164	-106	121	-53
14	N6GP	100	80	-89	-113	128	-46

SCDXC Get Schroeder Standings 2025																
Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	37	
1	K6RO	2	60	17	114	74	156	143	162	153	173	8	213	1062	37	
2	N6RW	32	85	52	115	134	137	129	139	142	155	14	201	1134	67	
3	N6RV	0	26	8	103	100	126	86	127	97	135	3	194	811	57	
4	K6AFW	0	39	12	64	47	69	51	72	59	91	0	183	504	33	
5	N6WT	5	32	2	61	56	104	87	106	68	115	1	177	637	11	
6	WA5VGI	3	31	7	0	57	24	25	50	59	45	0	177	301	41	
7	NS6C	2	5	0	5	18	27	9	45	33	51	3	149	198	68	
8	N0FW	26	20	29	62	64	61	57	63	76	78	8	140	534	29	
9	N6PM	2	7	2	37	35	24	20	42	66	49	0	133	284	31	
10	AA6PW	0	2	0	56	0	30	4	82	30	89	0	118	293	38	
11	N6AV	0	0	0	55	35	52	11	60	28	63	0	109	304	3	
12	K6ND	3	8	2	13	43	78	31	59	18	56	0	107	311	34	
13	N6GP	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	36	19	77	1	100	162	37	
14	N6MG	0	9	0	37	12	25	16	34	67	25	0	94	225	48	
15	K6ZZI	0	0	0	5	25	20	26	26	31	26	3	92	162	2	
16	NK6A	0	0	0	0	1	10	2	83	1	41	0	88	138	80	
17	N6WS	0	0	2	30	2	19	15	24	31	25	2	79	150	61	
18	N6DYZ	0	2	0	5	1	9	3	25	13	64	0	72	122	37	
19	K7MY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	61	61	48	
20	N6DR	13	4	4	29	0	20	0	27	0	19	1	59	117	55	
21	N6QQ	0	0	0	1	15	2	11	15	16	13	1	54	74	68	
22	W6KK	1	9	0	2	0	3	0	16	11	33	1	44	76	30	
23	K6BTY	0	6	1	15	3	20	10	16	5	37	1	43	114	3	
24	WC2S	0	0	0	0	1	10	6	6	4	14	0	27	41	7	
25	K6JW	0	11	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	4	0	22	24	66	
26	NA6Q	0	1	0	4	1	3	1	3	8	12	0	18	33	8	
27	KR6C	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	9	0	16	20	47	
28	AA6DW	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	5	2	4	0	13	19	38	
29	K6NGO	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	0	11	21	5	
30	K6FG	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	4	3	11	12	69	
31	N6PEQ	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	7	7	39	
32	W6YLZ	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	37	
33	K6FOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	7	
34	K6GM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	46	

ClubLog Worked Not SCDXC

3DA	7P	EP	KG4	TY	YA
4U1ITU	A3	EY	P2	V6	ZL7
5T	D6	FH	ST	VK9C	
5U	E4	HK0S	TL	VQ9	
5X	E5/N	J2	TN	XX9	

SCDXC Worked Not ClubLog

What Did We Really Work?

February was a good month. We almost caught up to January with all the first time worked in the first month. Next month will be good as well with the ARRL DX CW contest and the WPX SSB contest. This month was particularly interesting. Since the ARRL DX SSB contest will be on March 1st all the DX stations will be checking out their gear the week before so we straddle the two months with the contest stations giving us a boost in February!

Entity	Prefix	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar
Entity	Prefix	225	204	195	0
MONACO	3A	1	1	0	
MAURITIUS ISLAND	3B8	1	1	0	
FUJI ISLANDS	3D2	1	1	0	
TUNISIA	3V	1	1	0	
VIET NAM	3W	1	1	1	
AZERBAIJAN	4J	1	1	0	
GEORGIA	4L	1	1	1	
MONTENEGRO	4O	1	1	1	
SRI LANKA	4S	1	1	1	
UNITED NATIONS HQ	4U1UN	1	1	1	
ISRAEL	4X	1	1	1	
CYPRUS	5B	1	1	1	
TANZANIA	5H	1	0	1	
NIGERIA	5N	1	0	1	
MADAGASCAR	5R	1	1	1	
SAMOA	5W	1	1	1	
KENYA	5Z	1	1	1	
SENEGAL	6W	1	1	0	
JAMAICA	6Y	1	1	1	
MALAWI	7Q	1	1	1	
ALGERIA	7X	1	1	1	
BARBADOS	8P	1	1	1	
MALDIVES	8Q	1	1	1	
GUYANA	8R	1	1	1	
CROATIA	9A	1	1	1	
MALTA	9H	1	1	1	
ZAMBIA	9J	1	0	1	
KUWAIT	9K	1	1	0	
SIERRA LEONE	9L	1	0	1	
WEST MALAYSIA	9M2	1	1	1	
EAST MALAYSIA	9M6	1	1	1	
NEPAL	9N	1	1	0	
SINGAPORE	9V	1	1	1	
RWANDA	9X	1	1	1	
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	9Y	1	1	1	
BOTSWANA	A2	1	1	1	
TONGA	A3	1	0	1	
OMAN	A4	1	1	1	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	A6	1	1	1	
QATAR	A7	1	1	1	
BAHRAIN	A9	1	1	1	
PAKISTAN	AP	1	1	0	
TAIWAN	BU	1	1	1	
CHINA	BY	1	1	1	
NAURU	C21	1	1	1	
ANDORRA	C31	1	1	1	
THE GAMBIA	C5	1	1	1	
BAHAMAS	C6A	1	1	1	
CHILE	CE	1	1	1	
EASTER ISLAND	CE0Y	1	1	0	
ANTARCTICA	CE9	1	1	1	
MOROCCO	CN	1	1	1	
CUBA	CO	1	1	1	
BOLIVIA	CP	1	1	1	
PORTUGAL	CT	1	1	1	
MADEIRA ISLANDS	CT3	1	1	1	
AZORES	CU	1	1	1	
URUGUAY	CX	1	1	1	
ANGOLA	D2	1	1	1	
CAPE VERDE	D4	1	1	1	
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	DL	1	1	1	
PHILIPPINES	DU	1	1	1	
SOUTH COOK ISLANDS	ES/S	1	1	1	
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	E7	1	1	1	
SPAIN	EA	1	1	1	
BALEARIC ISLANDS	EA6	1	1	1	
CANARY ISLANDS	EA8	1	1	1	
CEUTA & MELILLA	EA9	1	1	1	
IRELAND	EI	1	1	1	
ARMENIA	EK	1	1	1	
LIBERIA	EL	1	1	0	
MOLDOVA	ER	1	1	1	
ESTONIA	ES	1	1	1	
ETHIOPIA	ET	1	1	0	
BELARUS	EU	1	1	1	
KYRGYZSTAN	EX	1	1	1	
FRANCE	F	1	1	1	
GUADELOUPE	FG	1	1	1	
SAINT BARTHELEMY	FJ	1	0	1	
NEW CALEDONIA	FK	1	1	1	
MARTINIQUE	FM	1	1	1	
FRENCH POLYNESIA	FO	1	1	0	
CLIPPERTON ISLAND	FO/C	1	0	1	
MARQUESAS ISLANDS	FO/M	1	1	0	
SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON	FP	1	0	1	
REUNION ISLAND	FR	1	1	1	
SAINT MARTIN	FS	1	1	0	
TROMELIN ISLAND	FT/T	1	0	1	
FRENCH GUIANA	FY	1	1	1	
ENGLAND	G	1	1	1	
ISLE OF MAN	GD	1	0	1	
NORTHERN IRELAND	GI	1	1	1	
JERSEY	GJ	1	1	1	
SCOTLAND	GM	1	1	1	
GUERNSEY	GU	1	1	1	
WALES	GW	1	1	1	
TEMOTU PROVINCE	H40	1	1	0	
HUNGARY	HA	1	1	1	
SWITZERLAND	HB	1	1	1	
LIECHTENSTEIN	HB0	1	1	1	
ECUADOR	HC	1	1	1	
GALAPAGOS ISLANDS	HC8	1	1	1	
HAITI	HH	1	1	1	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	HI	1	1	1	
COLOMBIA	HK	1	1	1	
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	HL	1	1	1	
PANAMA	HP	1	1	1	
HONDURAS	HR	1	1	1	
THAILAND	HS	1	1	1	
SAUDI ARABIA	HZ	1	1	1	
ITALY	I	1	1	1	
SARDINIA	IS0	1	1	1	
GRENADA	J3	1	0	1	
GUINEA-BISSAU	J5	1	1	0	
SAINT LUCIA	J6	1	1	1	
DOMINICA	J7	1	1	1	
SAINT VINCENT	J8	1	1	1	
JAPAN	JA	1	1	1	
MINAMI TORISHIMA	JD/M	1	1	1	
OGASAWARA	JD/O	1	1	0	
MONGOLIA	JT	1	1	1	
SVALBARD	JW	1	1	1	
JORDAN	JY	1	1	1	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	K	1	1	1	
MARIANA ISLANDS	KH0	1	1	1	
GUAM	KH2	1	1	1	
HAWAII	KH6	1	1	1	
AMERICAN SAMOA	KH8	1	1	0	
WAKE ISLAND	KH9	1	1	1	
ALASKA	KL7	1	1	1	
US VIRGIN ISLANDS	KP2	1	1	1	
PUERTO RICO	KP4	1	1	1	
NORWAY	LA	1	1	1	
ARGENTINA	LU	1	1	1	
LUXEMBOURG	LX	1	1	1	
LITHUANIA	LY	1	1	1	
BULGARIA	LZ	1	1	1	
PERU	OA	1	1	1	
LEBANON	OD	1	1	1	
AUSTRIA	OE	1	1	1	
FINLAND	OH	1	1	1	
ALAND ISLANDS	OH0	1	0	1	
CZECH REPUBLIC	OK	1	1	1	
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	OM	1	1	1	
BELGIUM	ON	1	1	1	
GREENLAND	OX	1	1	0	
FAROE ISLANDS	OY	1	1	0	
DENMARK	OZ	1	1	1	
ARUBA	P4	1	1	1	
NETHERLANDS	PA	1	1	1	
CURACAO	PJ2	1	1	1	
BONAIRE	PJ4	1	1	1	
SINT MAARTEN	PJ7	1	1	1	
BRAZIL	PY	1	1	1	
SURINAME	PZ	1	1	1	
WESTERN SAHARA	S0	1	1	1	
BANGLADESH	S2	1	0	1	
SLOVENIA	S5	1	1	1	
SEYCHELLES ISLANDS	S7	1	1	0	
SWEDEN	SM	1	1	1	
POLAND	SP	1	1	1	
EGYPT	SU	1	1	1	
Greece	SV	1	1	1	
Dodecanese	SV5	1	1	1	
Crete	SV9	1	1	1	
Mount Athos	SV-A	1	1	0	
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SAN MARINO	T7	1	1	1	
PALAU	T8	1	1	0	
TURKEY	TA	1	1	1	
ICELAND	TF	1	1	1	
GUATEMALA	TG	1	1	1	
COSTA RICA	TI	1	1	1	
CAMEROON	TJ	1	1	0	
CORSICA	TK	1	1	1	
GABON	TR	1	1	1	
MALI	TZ	1	0	1	
EUROPEAN RUSSIA	UA	1	1	1	
ASIATIC RUSSIA	UA0	1	1	1	
KALININGRAD	UA2	1	1	1	
UZBEKISTAN	UJ	1	1	1	
KAZAKHSTAN	UN	1	1	1	
UKRAINE	UR	1	1	1	
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	V2	1	1	1	
BELIZE	V3	1	1	1	
SAINT KITTS & NEVIS	V4	1	1	1	
NAMIBIA	V5	1	1	1	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	V7	1	1	1	
BRUNEI	V8	1	1	1	
CANADA	VE	1	1	1	
AUSTRALIA	VK	1	1	1	
NORFOLK ISLAND	VK9N	1	1	1	
CHRISTMAS ISLAND	VK9X	1	0	1	
SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	VP0G	1	0	1	
SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS	VP0S	1	0	1	
ANGUILLA	VP2E	1	0	1	
MONTERRAT	VP2M	1	0	1	
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS	VP5	1	1	0	
PITCAIRN ISLAND	VP6	1	1	1	
FALKLAND ISLANDS	VP8	1	1	0	
BERMUDA	VP9	1	1	1	
HONG KONG	VR	1	1	1	
INDIA	VU	1	1	1	
MEXICO	XE	1	1	1	
CAMBODIA	XU	1	0	1	
MACAO	XX9	1	0	1	
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GIBRALTAR	ZB2	1	1	1	
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TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLAND	ZD9	1	1	0	
CAYMAN ISLANDS	ZF	1	1	1	
NEW ZEALAND	ZL	1	1	1	
PARAGUAY	ZP	1	1	1	
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	ZS	1	1	1	

Who's on 6?

There was a 6 meter opening on February 26th. It yielded a few more entities. This is the start of the TE season!

It appears that Chip, N6CA, is leading in that category with 17 entities. Texas is the state for TE!

	So Cal		At Lrg		Diff		Uniques			Total															
Pfx	DX	QSOs	DX	QSOs		SoCal	At Lrg	Total	DX	QSOs	N6CA	N6RW	N0FW	K6RO	NS6C	N6RV	K6FG	KN6ZZI	N6WS	K6FOD	W6DR	KI6BTY	N6QQ	N6GP	W6KK
	13	27	29	43	16	7	3	10	30	70	20	14	8	8	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
										2025	-40	-35	-27	-26	-21	-43	-13	0	-55	-15	-19	-2	-27	-11	-10
									30	Uniques	4	7	4	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9Y	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CE	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CO	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FK	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FO/M	1	1	0	0	-1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HC	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HC8	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HI	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HK	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HP	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J6	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J7	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J8	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K	1	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	13	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
KP2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KP4	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LU	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P4	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PJ2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TI	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V2	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VE	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VK	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VP8	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XE	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YV	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZL	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZL7	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Deleted ARRL DXCC Entities

This month we look at deleted entity **#56 Kuria Muria**

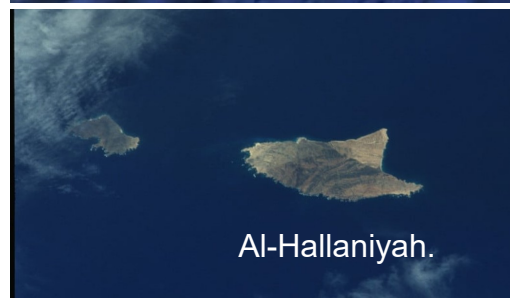
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			ITU	CQ	+/- Lat Long	
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VS9H	Kuria Muria Is	AS	39	21	4 18N 56E	
VS9K	Kamaran Is	AS	39	21	3 15N 43E	7O
ZC5	Br No Borneo	OC	54	28	8 6N 116E	
ZC6	Palestine	AS	39	20	2 32N 35E	4X1
ZD4	Gold Coast, Togoland	AF	46	35	0 5N 0W	
ZS0	Penguin Is	AF	57	38	2 27S 15E	
ZS9	Walvis Bay	AF	57	38	2 23S 15E	

Kuria Muria

Kuria Muria is a group of seven small islands in Khuriya Muriya Bay 25 miles off of Oman. They are granite peaks of a submerged ridge. The major islands are Al-Hasikiyah, Al-Sawda, Al-Hallaniyah, Qarzawit, and Al-Qibliyah. Only one, Al-Hallaniyah, is inhabited.

In 1854 the Sultan of Muscat presented the islands to Queen Victoria as a gift. They came under the jurisdiction of the British Indian Territory in Bombay India. The islands were a rich source of guano used in the production of gunpowder. The 40 inhabitants protested and the production ceased. These forty also considered themselves subjects of the Sultan and not England. After many years England granted the request of this small population and returned the islands back to Oman in 1967. South Yemen was not happy with this decision but were too small and weak to protest it. The border between Yemen and Oman was settled in 1992. It was a dispute over sand! The islands were on the Omani side of the border.

Today the majority of the group has been designated a preserve for breeding birds. The ocean around the island group is teeming with sea life and is a fisherman's paradise.



Al-Qibliyah



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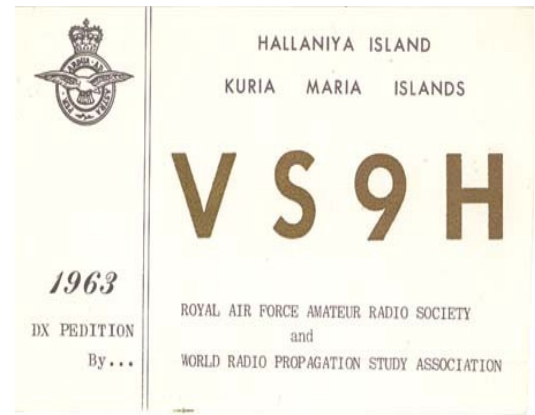
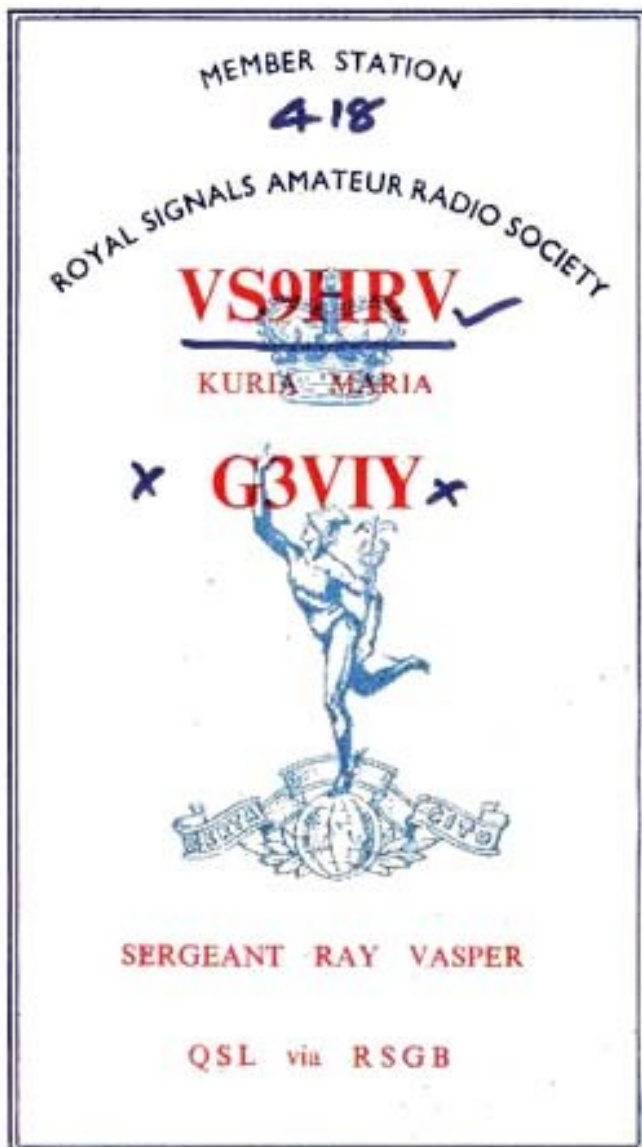
Kurja Muria	
VS9H	1963
VS9HAA	1963
VS9HAA	1963
VS9HRK	1963
VS9HRV	1967
VS9HRV	1967
A43KM/0	1990

Only two operations were made from this island group.

The first of such was a Gus Browning DXpedition. Actually Gus joined a group of RAF operators, which included Gus, who used John's call sign VS9HAA, John, Ross, VS9HRK, and Ken, VQ4IN/VS9H. Looking at the table you can see it was the only one of two actual operations. Included on the next three pages is an article from the 1964 QST regarding this trip. It is a good read as were all the adventures recorded in that premiere ham journal.

The second in 1967 was by G3VIY, Ray Vasper, a sergeant in the Royal Signal Corp 210 Signal Squadron. Ray operated at Kamaran Island and there was asked to organize a DXpedition to Kurja Muria. He did putting the only operation from this deleted entity on the books. It is interesting to note that Ray was not a citizen of the UK. Every indication points to him being Belgian! Many of his adventures were noted in The Mercury, The Journal of the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society.

The last operation, A42KM/0, was in 1990 and counts as Oman.



Kurja Muria Islands
Location : 1731N 5555E
Locator : LL76



A43KM/0

AS20, AS20, AH1K, Vitor, AH1V, AH1P, AH1G, AH1Y
PHOTO BY AH1Y

DXpedition to Kuria Muria



● Admiralty charts place the Kuria Muria Islands at 17° 32' N, 56° 05' E, give or take 2¾ miles. They are hot, barren chunks of limestone and granite rising from the Red Sea off Aden. Chief exports, 1963: fish and QSL cards. Population, 1963: 60 assorted British subjects plus operators of the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society.

It will surprise few DXers that the RAFARS journeyed to Kuria Muria for their second almost-annual DXpedition last year, though it surprised many that reasonable, sober flyboy types would even want to *visit* there. Here's their story.

IN OCTOBER 1961 the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society mounted a highly successful DXpedition to a "new country": the Red Sea isle of Kamaran. That trip was so successful that members decided to make similar trips yearly.

Well, *almost* yearly — 1962's trip to Kuria Muria failed at a very late date, so the journey was postponed until 1963. That meant we had nearly two years to figure a way to get onto the island with all supplies, stay there the allotted time, and get off again.

Kuria Muria is a group of four islands in the Red Sea. Only the largest, Hallaniyah, is inhabited. It falls under British political advice from Bahrein and Aden; and is locally ruled by Shaikh Said Bin Muhammad. It is practically devoid of vegetation, water is unpredictable in supply, and ships seldom stop there.

At first we planned to charter a dhow at Masirah (VS90), but discovered that a motorless dhow would run up weeks of costly charter time in getting back to port. Flying was considered but discarded. It was finally decided to approach

a local shipping company which had a boat going to Masirah monthly. For the sum of £100 we were granted permission to take this boat — if we did our own cooking. They would offload us at our destination and pick us up on the return trip eight days later.

We recruited a party of twelve, which was divided into two groups, one to make a geographic-geological survey of the island, and one to serve as a base support group. Squadron Leader A. Silvester was in charge of the group. He was also the geography expert. The party was to include a doctor and an interpreter.

The equipment required was slowly gathered together at Aden. Gus Browning flew in from Afghanistan during October, in time to join our party on the twenty-fifth. Ken Smethurst, VQ4IN had arrived by October 25 and whiled away the time fishing at Aden. Ross Kelley, VS9ARK, and myself were already at Aden.

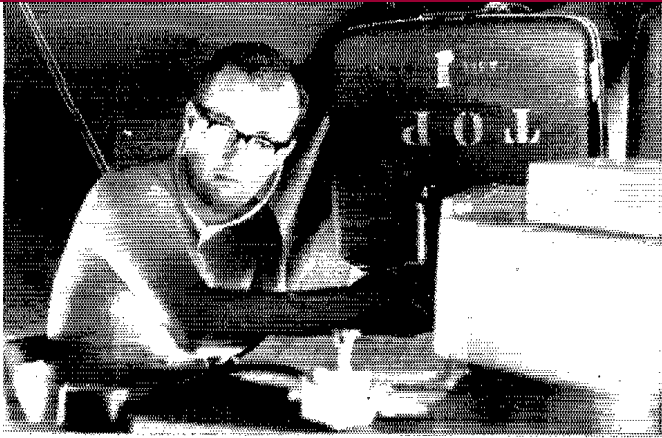
Meanwhile, much was going on behind the scenes. Permission had to be obtained from the political advisor in Bahrein to land on the island. Permission had already been obtained from the Postmaster General to operate from Hallaniyah. As VS9K had already been issued for Kamaran, VS9H was suggested for Hallaniyah and duly issued. Radio links on service channels had to be arranged. Royal Air Force flights already scheduled to pass near the islands on their way to Masirah were rerouted slightly to pass over the main island. Finally, the estimated time of arrival and commencing of operations had to be passed over the air from Aden to as many DX operators as possible.

Special permission had already been obtained from the Postmaster General at Aden for Gus, W4BPD, to operate from the Kuria Murias and Aden if he used my call when I was there. He stayed longer than expected at Aden and managed to keep VS9AAA very active.

We loaded our ship, the *M. V. Seiyun*, on November 9, and departed the next afternoon. The trip took six and one-half days, during which we played bridge or conducted sextant practice. Most of the party slept out on deck among orange crates, drums of aviation fuel, and sundry items. We had two complete stations aboard; we had originally planned for three, but the third genera-

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(Left) The VS9H expedition set up shop on a beach in a small cove on Hallaniyah. Author Hern is shown at the operating position of VS9HAA. Nobody could wear a shirt when it got hot in those tents!

tor had failed to materialize at the last minute (it was held up in India!)

Unloading our equipment into a pitching ship's boat took about four years of the lives of the owners of the equipment. All went well however, and after five trips we were all on the island safe even if a little soaked in sea water.

Our first job was to let the local population know they were not invaded, so we dispatched our interpreter to talk with the shaikh. The tents then went up on the sites selected and the radio equipment was set up.

Before leaving Aden a considerable amount of thought had gone into antennas required. We found that 70 per cent of the active radio world could be contacted either long or short path via the northwest. We would also have an antenna for Masirah, and a system for minimum QRM between our two stations.

For one station, we set up a TA-33 Jr. beam thirty feet high and pointed northwest. A two-band trap dipole served to cover directions the beam did not.

To the southwest of our operating tent was a small valley in which we placed two four-band verticals fed in phase by carefully measured coaxial links. It acted as a vertical beam on all bands used, 40-20-15-10.

Operators kept two-hour watches for the first two days, until we finally devised a system which gave everyone six whole hours' sleep in every forty-eight. It proved impossible to sleep during the day because of flies and heat.

Lessons learned during the 1961 expedition were remembered, and both stations operated twenty-four hours a day for eight days. To persons listening to a VS9H calling CQ and not receiving a reply this may have seemed pointless, but we went there to give a new country to as many as possible. If in fact we made ten QSOs in four hours on a nearly dead band — well, that's what we went there for.

Conditions on the bands were relatively poor. Few massive pile-ups were encountered. The

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(Above) Loading the *Seiyun* at Aden. Unloading in heavy surf at Hallaniyah was another matter.

(Below) Putting up the TA-33 Jr. The mast would bend or break if we were not very careful!



Kuria Muria

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European S.S.B. Net on 3.798 will be surprised to know that on our last night, November 23, they were 5 and 9 at VS9H, but they were working Ws and not listening on their own frequencies. With 600 watts of s.s.b. to a dipole only one station was worked on 80-meter s.s.b. That was DL1IN, a very good DXer indeed!

We made a total of 5256 contacts, 94 on 80 meters, 507 on 40, 3593 on 20, 1050 on 15, and 12 on 10. The total number of countries worked came to 131.

The equipment worked very well with two exceptions. A generator shorted a primary turn and kept us off the air for thirty minutes. The 32S-3 blew up a bias capacitor and we were off the air for about forty minutes in the midst of two very big pile-ups. We had one bad sandstorm on our last night and one terrific rainstorm. This was useful as we completely replenished our water supply from a waterfall. About a half hour later there was no trace of water: it was all dried again.

As a matter of interest, on c.w. a straight key at about 20 w.p.m. brought no replies, but an electronic key at about 30-40 w.p.m. brought immediate response from several stations at once.

Station "A", operated by Ross, VS9HRK, and myself as VS9HAA operated mostly s.s.b. We used the beam and trap dipole, and used c.w. when s.s.b. was not on. Station "B", using the verticals, was operated mostly on c.w. by Gus, also VS9HAA, and Ken, VQ4IN/VS9H.

Unfortunately, on Sunday at about nine o'clock I saw a boat on the horizon. It proved to be the *Seiqun*, so we struck camp in a hurry.

The radio equipment was packed and on the beach as the ship approached — and then the fun began! A large sea was running and the ship's boat stayed off shore in water between four and nine feet deep! At least one box was lost in the sea and most of the others were completely soaked! The boxes containing the two Collins stations were carried out on four shoulders. I am five feet, eight inches in height; and was in front of one case when it was carried out. The water completely covered my head and halfway up the box. When it fell off our shoulders into the boat, I came up swimming!

Finally all the gear was aboard and we started on the trip home. Everybody exhausted but happy after a good expedition.

Our sincere thanks to those who helped make the trip successful: to Squadron Leader Silvester and his party who gave us great practical assistance; to the World Wide Propagation Study Association; to Shell Oil Company Ltd., who supplied petrol for the generators; to Mosley Electronics who solved a complicated problem in relation to trap antennas; and to the many others who did so much to help.

Now if someone can find another new country, let us know: we may work you from there *next* year!

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Southern California DX Club History

Leida Erickson N6MXC

SCDXC CLUB EARLY HISTORY

The Southern California DX Club got its start in 1947, after the Greatest Generation returned home from having served in WWII. Some returned home to the Los Angeles Basin. Some disembarked from ships in the Port of Los Angeles, enjoyed the weather, and recognized the booming opportunities offered in the new industries of aerospace, entertainment, tract homes, and government. Some newcomers decided to pursue their ham radio dreams here.



Harvey Laidman (SK), W8DX (ex-N6HL) wrote the "Riders of the Purple Lonsphere" in 1997, which is on the club's website under "History". Harvey Laidman humbly describes the post-war contributions of amateur radio pioneers in broadcast radio, movies and TV. Harvey recounts how TV antennas sprang up everywhere in the 1950's. Harvey doesn't mention that he spent 30 years directing some of the best known TV shows. Young Boy Scouts built crystal sets, others built Heathkits, and still others made their own home-brew equipment (read W6YRA, Jim McCook's email stories, particularly the ones about the Compton

Gashouse Gang—George Sinclair (SK), W6GAL; Bill Adams (SK), W6ANN & W6BA; Bob Turk (SK), W6LEE; Carl Louis (SK), W6NRQ, W6SR; Lefty Harmon (SK), W6GHU; Fred Warner (SK), W6MHH; Ken Moon (SK) W6FHE; Steve Stambuk (SK), W6MEN, and the surviving member, K.C. Jones (photo), W6RLN, K6PE, W6OB, who wrote the 2002 letter offering his side of the story as to the formation of the club. K.C. Jones states that George Sinclair and Bob Turk wanted to form a club to resolve some of the tension over BIG signals on most of the bands, particularly 20 meters. They set up a meeting in the Compton Junior College gym with approximately 20 Hams in attendance. A few weeks later, they began regular meetings at Cliftons Cafeteria in Downtown L.A., and many people met their competition for the first time. According to K.C. Jones, Bill Adams (SK), W6ANN, was the club's first President, and K.C. Jones, W6OB, was VP. K.C. Jones' letter notes that "the club has been a great success through the years."



Top Row L. To R.: W6MND, W6JZP, W6PUY, W6WJW, W6YJD, W6WBI, W6WKP, W6CBW, W6GHU, W6UQQ, W6VAW, W6GFU

Middle Row: W6MEN, W6MSV, W6LEE, W6RLN, W6TZX, W6DUC, W6FSJ, W6BPD, W6HJT, W6TZD, W6CUO, W6NNV, W6TSW, W6DYH.

Kneeling: W6DCB, W6SAM, W6FHE, W6GAL.



January 6, 2025 email from Jim McCook, W6YA, to Bill Kendrick, N6RV:

Hi Bill,

Thanks for that note. I was too young to get into those earliest days, which were the late 1940s. Most of the most famous post-war rarest DX came along in 1948. Here are a few of the earlier stories that I remember, starting with my background. Some may be old stories that everyone has already heard.

After getting the Novice license in 1954 I soon got the K6GLC General Class license and spent a lot of time listing to 40m CW. I had a Heathkit AT-1 with about 20w. Before long the DU7SV card was hanging on the wall, along with other DX from Asia, Africa and Europe. Indonesia was on the banned list, but in 1955 I heard and called some PK stations, but none would answer me. In 1957 I worked 3W8AA before realizing Vietnam was on the banned list. The QSL arrived via Canton, China. After building the Heathkit DX-100 I remember working HS1A, who had just surfaced in 1957 after Thailand came off the banned list. By 1957 many of us had built our first electronic CW keyer, following a W9TO design that used four 12AU7 tubes and mercury wetted relays.

John Linden, W6UCX (Later WK6E) was one of the charter members of SCDXC. He told me a story about Bob Turk (W6LEE) who was a famous DXer in LA. His brother had a ranch in Compton during the late 1930s. Bob set up a ham station in a typical radio shack. There was a "large" homebrew amplifier with no blocking capacitor, using open wire line to feed-through insulators to the outside antenna. B+ voltage appeared on the wires, so everyone was careful.

One night Bob and his buddies were operating and the "bar was open." Suddenly they heard a BANG! One of his brother's horses had hit the feedline during a transmission and was killed. Bob knew his brother would be angry, so the guys found shovels and dug a huge hole next to the horse. When they pushed the horse into the hole, the feet were sticking out. The hole was too shallow. They found a saw, cut off the legs and threw them into the hole, then covered it up. Some of the other SCDXC charter members confirmed the story.

I remember stories about W6AM and others struggling to get QSLs from certain stations, such as FI8 (French Indo-China). He told me he had sent a crate of oranges to one or more of these reluctant QSLers to get the card. These stories are highlighted in the W6AM book. Many of the SCDXC members, such as W6ITA, W6VFR, W6CUQ, were able to work the rarest of the rare DX, W6ODD/CR8, on Diu Island (Portuguese India). It was the only activity in the history of this DXCC Country. Don missed it.

Byron, W6AVM (later K6TX) was the last charter member to become SK. He was one of the lucky ones that worked W6ODD/FI8. He told me how people were struggling to work Tibet to get zone 23. AC4YN, AC4NC and AC4RF were the most active. Many of them didn't realize there were active China stations in zone 23, such as C8LS and C8YR. They were much easier to find. Mongolia came later in 1957 with JT1AA.

John Knight, W6YY, was the chief engineer at NBC TV during the 1950s and 1960s. He built a powerful station at the TV site on Mt. Wilson, which he controlled remotely from La Canada using a UHF link. When he was on the air, most every receiver in the LA basin knew he was transmitting. I remember at a SCDXC meeting he showed us a photo of Box 88, Moscow. It was the USSR QSL bureau. John was a very talented engineer.

When I first visited SCDXC in 1957 I was just 16. I lived in Rialto, about 50 miles east of LA. W7NFE (later K6UYC and K6RR) was the driver, since he was still in medical school at Loma Linda. I remember meeting W6IBD, W6YY, W6WWQ, W6AM, W6AOA, W6ADP, W6ITA, W6MUB, among many others. For a 16 year old kid who was just discovering "real DX" on 20m CW and AM, it was very impressive to hear those "big DXers" that were so often chasing 20m DX. Many of them were using "very large" amplifiers! I knew that W6AOA made regular QSOs with the Kon Tiki raft expedition in 1947. Many years later I inherited QSLs from W6ITA (W6RR) that included his LI2B QSL from the Kon Tiki and his prized W6ODD/CR8 card. I finally became a member in 1959, but in 1960 I went QRT to pursue my education to be a dentist.

In late 1968 I got back on the air from the beach front in Manhattan Beach with a Drake R4C and T4XB with a Henry 2K amplifier. Antenna was a 204BA about 80 feet above the sea. It was the best LP location I have ever known. In 1972, W6AM and I were the first in CA to work SY1MA, the first active station from Mt. Athos, via long path. I had missed the entire Don Miller era, but worked many of Gus Browning's last expeditions. SCDXC was a big part of radio life, and many of the OTs I had met back in the late 50s became friends. AM had been replaced by SSB and CW was still alive and well.

Later stories are beyond the "early years."

Anyone interested in DX history can find many interesting old QSLs from SCDXC members on <http://hamgallery.com>. Also see <http://hamgallery.com/qsldel/w6ya.pdf> for some deleted QSL history of those early SCDXC years.

73, Jim McCook
W6YA

ALLEN FRIEDMAN, K6YRA, Encino, recounts the early days. Allen, (right) with his brother, K6OFF, and a high school friend, WYMJU, became Hams when Allen was first licensed in 1957. He remembers the early meetings at Clifton's Cafeteria in Downtown Los Angeles circa 1957, where he met W6AM (Don Wallace), W6ITA (Gordon Marshall-SK), who became W6RR, and W6IBD (Warren Davis-SK), who became W6EE. Allen is working DX everyday using an Elecraft K3, KPA 1500 amp at 1500 W, with a 4-element SteppIR antenna at 80'.



Chasing the Last Few You Need

Bill Shell (N6WS)

This past month I setup private text channels for three users on the Guys-Up-North (GUNs) Discord server. On these channels I established robots that announce the DX still needed by the individual users to meet their DXing goals. Two of the users are chasing DXCC, so they receive spot announcements from the DX Spotting Network, including spots from the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN), on a private channel. The third user is chasing WAZ, and already has most of the CQ Zones confirmed, so his announcements are very few.

The channels maintain the information on the spotted stations, and that information may be helpful to determine operating trends of station(s) you are chasing. When you are connected to a DX Cluster node, and perform a SHOW/MYDX or SHOW/DX command, you will only see the DX spots sent into the network by users. The spots from the RBN will not be displayed. The RBN spots can provide you a better record of the operating habits of the DX you are chasing, rather than relying on the manually entered announcements.

The operator chasing CQ Zones is a ham on the Central coast with 417 confirmed band/zones. The filters I used to provide the robot feed with the DX spots is below:

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reject/spot 1 on 3500/4000
reject/rbn 1 on 3500/4000
reject/spot 2 on 7000/30000
reject/rbn 2 on 7000/30000
accept/spot 3 call_zone 21,22,34,37 on 160m and (by_zone 1,3,4,5,6)
accept/rbn 3 call_zone 21,22,34,37 on 160m and (by_zone 1,3,4,5,6)
accept/spot 4 call_zone 18,19,25,29,30,34 on 60m and (by_zone 1,3,4,5,6,31)
accept/rbn 4 call_zone 18,19,25,29,30,34 on 60m and (by_zone 1,3,4,5,6,31)
accept/spot 5 call_zone 18,19,20,22,23,26,29,34,35,36,37,40 on 6m and (by_zone 3,4,6)
accept/rbn 5 call_zone 18,19,20,22,23,26,29,34,35,36,37,40 on 6m and (by_zone 3,4,6)
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Similar filters can be used in a separate telnet window to display your needed CQ Zones. If you are using DX-Lab SpotCollector you can dedicate one telnet channel for your needed zones. SpotCollector also lets you restrict the bands based on sunrise/sunset times for periods you can reasonably expect propagation for each band, so the qualifications for zone of origin would not be needed for 160m and 60m. The filters for the telnet channel would be:

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reject/spot 1 on 3500/4000
reject/rbn 1 on 3500/4000
reject/spot 2 on 7000/30000
reject/rbn 2 on 7000/30000
accept/spot 3 call_zone 21,22,34,37 on 160m
accept/rbn 3 call_zone 21,22,34,37 on 160m
accept/spot 4 call_zone 18,19,25,29,30,34 on 60m
accept/rbn 4 call_zone 18,19,25,29,30,34 on 60m
accept/spot 5 call_zone 18,19,20,22,23,26,29,34,35,36,37,40 on 6m and (by_zone 3,4,6)
accept/rbn 5 call_zone 18,19,20,22,23,26,29,34,35,36,37,40 on 6m and (by_zone 3,4,6)
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Chasing the Last Few You Need

The additional filtering on 160m and 60m would be added within SpotCollector to limit the spots to about 2 hours before sunset to two hours after sunrise. To limit the timing of the DX announcements in SpotCollector there is an excellent set of instructions at:

<https://www.dxlabsuite.com/dxlabwiki/BandFilterStartEnd>

The 6m spots for SpotCollector are not limited by time, since propagation to the needed zones on 6m can occur at seemingly unpredictable times.

One user is a relatively new DXer that needs 86 countries. The announcements on his channel are quite frequent during the day and night, and I am not sure how much those announcements are helping him. I will have to ask him after about a month.

If any of the regular user of the GUNs Discord server would like to have a private channel setup to announce their DXing needs, either band/countries or band/zones, contact me by email, and I can help set it up.

73, Bill
N6WS



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Item	Asking Price	Sold	Comments
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Alpha Delta #Delta-4 Coaxial Switch	\$60.00		4 position
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Daiwa CS-201 2 Position Coax Switch	\$20.00		
Daiwa CS-201 2 Position Coax Switch	\$20.00		
Daiwa CS-201 2 Position Coax Switch	\$20.00		
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Heathkit RF Signal Generator	\$35.00		
Heil PL2T Mic Boom and Shock Mount	\$60.00		
Heil PRO-Micro Boom Headset	\$55.00		
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Heil Pro Set Elite with HC-6 Mic Element	\$100.00		Should replace ear pad covers
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Kenwood TH-F6 Tri-Band HT	\$250.00		

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Mean Well 123 12 Volt 3 Amp Power Supp	\$30.00		
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MFJ-422B Electronic Keyer Paddle	\$80.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-464 CW Keyer/Reader	\$75.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-486 Contest Memory Keyer	\$10.00		MFJ no longer in business-- does not work
MFJ-492 Menu Driven Memory Keyer	\$50.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-557 Code Practice Oscillator	\$25.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-616 Speech Intelligibility Enhancer	\$90.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-874 SWR/ Wattmeter	\$70.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-434B Voice Keyer	\$175.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-802B Field Strength Meter	\$30.00	X	MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-890 DX Beacon Monitor	Make Offer		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ -1251 Universal Mic Adapter	\$20.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-1263 Mic/Radio Switch	\$80.00	X	MFJ no longer in business
MFC J-1702C 2 Position Coax Switch	\$40.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-4403 Voltage Conditioner	\$30.00		MFJ no longer in business
MFJ-9320K 20M QRP CW Transceiver Kit	\$35.00	X	Kit
MFJ-9340K 40M QRP CW Transceiver Kit	\$35.00		Kit
MJ Products (Note: Not MFJ) Coax Switch	\$25.00		
Mic Stands with mic holders (3)	\$20.00		\$20 each
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Mobile speaker: Unknown Mfr.	\$10.00		
Multiport USB Hubs	Free		
Nifty HT Stands: 1 pair	\$10.00	X	Two adjustable stands
Nokia HFS-12	\$15.00		
Opek CX-3 1KW Coaxial Antenna Switch	\$10.00		
Philmore ST-300 Step Up/Dn Transformer	\$30.00		
Power Werx 13.8 Volt 25 Amp Pwr Supply	\$100.00	X	Model #SPS-30DM
QRP J-38 by KA6IRL	\$25.00		Includes wood case
Radio Shack 13.8 volt 3 amp Pwr Supply	\$25.00	X	
Radio Shack Power Inverter	\$20.00		12V in to 115 out
Realistic {Radio Shack} Amplified Speaker	\$20.00		
RFI Grab Bag -- Any 4 chokes for \$5	\$5.00		Price is for any 4 chokes or 8 chokes for \$9
Samlex SEC 1223 13.8V 23A Pwr Supply	\$100.00	X	
Signalink USB	\$45.00	X	
Signalink USB cable and K3 Jumper Diagram	Free	X	
SteppIR SDA 100 Controller	\$150.00		Includes power Supply and interface cables
Simpson 269-AF VOM	\$10.00		Uses 1 D Cell and 1 9V battery
Superscope EC-7 Dynamic Microphone	\$30.00		Manufactured by Marantz
Superscope EC-7 Dynamic Microphone	\$30.00		Manufactured by Marantz
Triplet AC Ammeter	\$7.00		

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Triplet AC Voltmeter	\$5.00		
Trunk Lid Mount	\$10.00		Missing one screw and needs SO-259
UR6QW 5 Band Equalizer-Compressor	\$40.00		Free if included with purchase of K3
Vertex Speaker	\$15.00		
Vibroplex Iambic Deluxe	\$175.00		Chrome base; jeweled movement
West Mountain Radio COMspkr	\$20.00		Two speakers for split (stereo operation)
West Mountain Radio RIGrunner 4004U	\$35.00	X	
West Mountain Radio RIGrunner 4005H	\$50.00		
West Mountain Radio RIGrunner 40012	\$70.00	X	
Yaesu FT-8800 Dual Band XCVR	\$200.00	X	No longer in production

For Sale (N6WS)**FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-991A**

Yaesu FT-991A HF-VHF-UHF Transceiver. The transceiver is in very good condition. Asking \$900 plus Shipping.

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FOR SALE: Gemini 2-500

Gemini 2-500 2m 500W amplifier. Switchable 120-240VAC. The amplifier is like new condition. Used very little. Asking \$1,100 plus shipping.

FOR SALE: Two EAntenna 144LFA16, 16-element 2m LFA Yagis

I have two 16-Element LFA antennas that I bought and assembled to use for 2-meter EME. These antennas were assembled and mounted on my EME cross-boom. It was then I realized I really needed to have a shorter boom antenna that didn't restrict my operating due to the tower's close proximity to the carport for my wife's horse trailer. The antenna elevation was restricted between 130-225 degrees azimuth. These antennas were only on the tower for two day. They are in excellent shape. I added a boom support/stabilization support out of 1-inch square fiberglass. Those supports come with the antennas. These antennas are ideal for someone wanting to get started in 2m EME, or someone wanting to improve their existing EME antenna system. The antennas are in very good condition and have been stored in my barn since I removed them.

These antennas sell for \$560 each plus oversize shipping charge from DX Engineering. I am asking \$300 for each antenna or \$550 for both. The boom segments were just disassembled at the joints. I will not ship the antennas. The boom segments with the elements will easily fit in a pickup truck. I can meet someone within 150 miles of Nipomo, CA to transfer the antennas.

Resource Page

Useful Sites

N0HR DXpedition Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DXing.info
[/www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/](http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/)

DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

DX Italia DX News
www.marioi2mqp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
<http://www.dx-info.de>

Southern California Contest Club
<http://www.socalcontestclub.org/>

Sixth District QSL Bureau
www.QSLBureau.org

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Understanding Indices - K9LA

What to Expect During the Rising Years of Solar Cycle 25 - YouTube

The Termination Event | Space-weather.com

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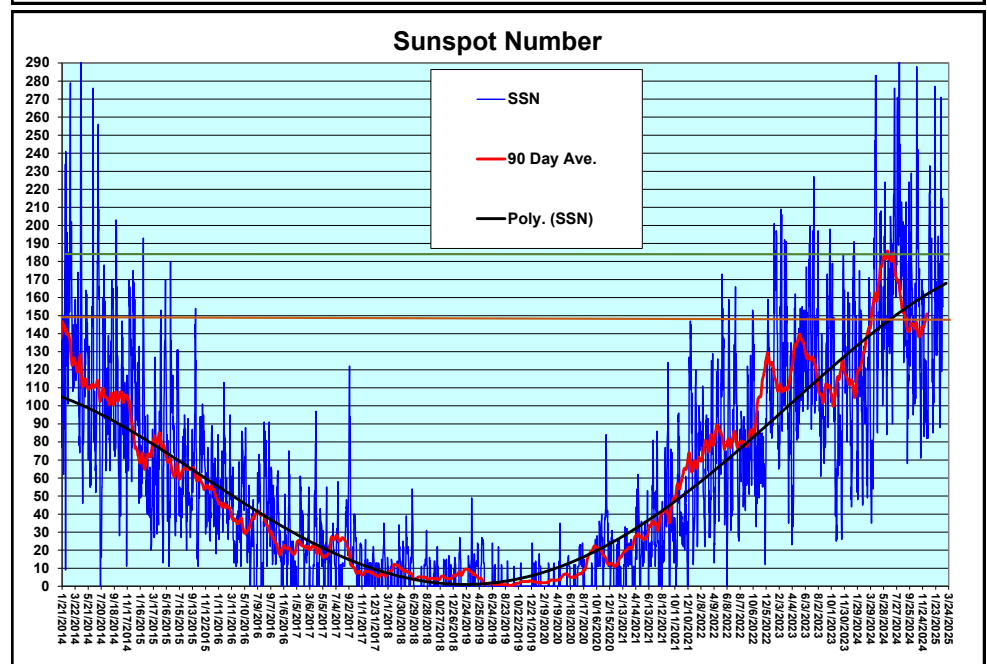
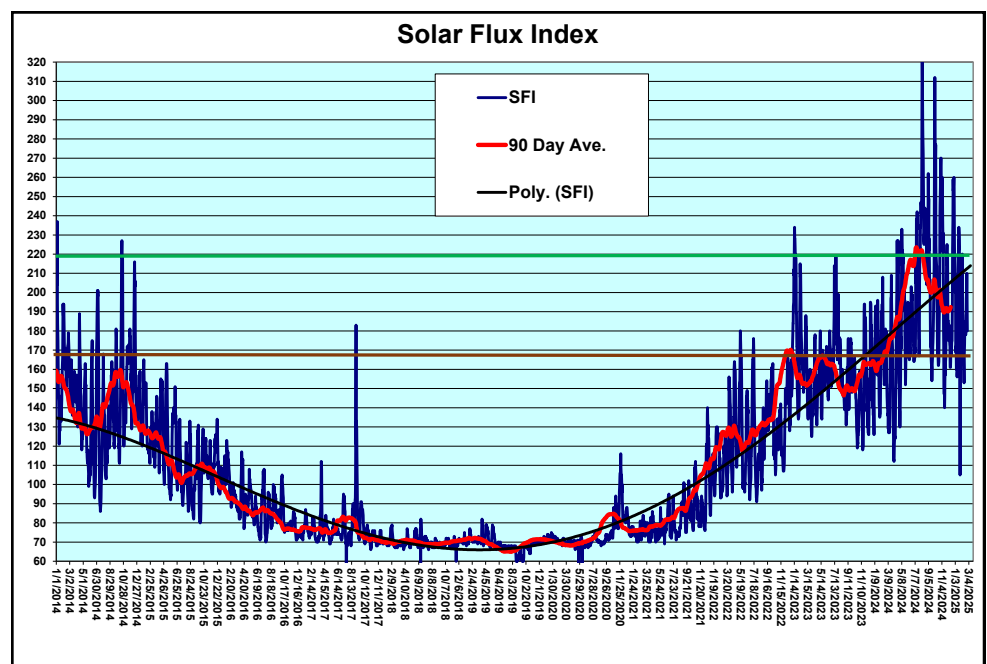
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